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SUBJECT: GDR PROTESTS ALLEGED VIOLATION OF DEMILITARIZATION STATUS

REF: A. BERLIN 1356

B. BERLIN 1376

1. FOLLOWING UP ON SOVIET PROTEST CONCERNING RESERVIST
MILITARY DUTY PERFORMED IN FRG BY WOHLRABE (REF A), GDR
FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN ON AUGUST 13 ALSO "SHARPLY
PROTESTED" WHAT HE TERMED AS DE FACTO EXTENTION TO WEST
BERLIN OF FRG MILITARY LEGISLATION. ACCORDING ADN REPORT,
GDR SPOKESMAN, IN ADDITION TO CITING WOHLRABE CASE,
ASSERTED FRG USING POLICE AND JUDICIAL MEANS IN PERSECUTING
WEST BERLINERS WHO REFUSE TO SERVE IN BUNDESWEHR ON
GROUNDS WEST BERLIN STATUS. SPOKESMAN ALLEGED THAT SUCH
MEASURES ARE IN GROSS CONTRADICTION WITH PRINCIPLE OF QA
THAT "WESTBERLIN IS NOT A PART OF THE FRG AND THE FRG
HAS NO COMPETENCE WHATSOEVER REGARDING MATTERS OF STATUS
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AND SECURITY OF WESTBERLIN." CONSISTENT WITH GDR THESIS

ON AREA COVERED BY QA, IN ACCUSING FRG OF VIOLATING ACC
LAW NO. 8 GDR SPOKESMAN CLAIMED THAT "VALIDITY OF THAT
LAW FOR WESTBERLIN WAS EXPLICITLY AFFIRMED BY QA."

2. ALLIED REPLY TO SOVIET PROTEST (REF B) WILL BE
DELIVERED AUGUST 15. IN RESPONSE TO ANY PRESS INQUIRIES
ABOUT GDR PROTEST, ALLIED MISSIONS INTEND TO MAKE POINTS
CONTAINED IN THEIR REPLY TO SOVIETS AND ALSO TO STRESS
THAT, CONTRARY TO GDR ASSERTION, DEMILITARIZED STATUS
APPLICABLE TO ALL OF BERLIN RATHER THAN TO WESTERN
SECTORS ALONE.

3. MAYOR NEUBAUER ISSUED A PRESS STATEMENT AUGUST 14
REJECTING THE GDR PROTEST ALONG THE SAME
LINES AS THE ALLIES. HE ALSO STRONGLY PROTESTED GDR
VIOLATION OF THE DEMILITARIZED STATUS OF BERLIN, BOTH
THROUGH MILITARY ACTIVITIES IN EAST BERLIN AND BY
REQUIRING EAST BERLINERS TO SERVE IN THE GDR MILITARY. KLEIN

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